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SUBJ: THREE ORIGINAL NRC MEMBERS RESIGN

REF: ACCRA 6702

1.GOG ANNOUNCED OCT 14 THAT RESIGNATIONS FROM NRC HAVE BEEN
ACCEPTED FROM COL. KWAME BAAH (ECONOMIC PLANNING), COL. ANTHONY
H. SELORMEY (HEALTH) AND COL.K.B. AGBO (LOCAL GOVERNMENT).
THEY WERE IMMEDIATELY REPLACED BY DR. ROBERT GARDINER,
BRIG. ODARTEY-WELLINGTON AND LT.COL. B.K. AHLIJAH, RESEPECTVELY.
NOT CLEAR WHETHER ODARTEY-WELLINGTON WILL CONTINUE AS FIRST BRIG.
COMMANDER, BUT WE DOUBT IT.

2. DEPARTURE OF THREE LEAVES ACHEAMPONG ALONE IN GOVERNMENT AMONG
THOSE WHO MADE THE COUP IN JANUARY, 1972. BAAH, AGBO AND SELORMEY
WERE MEMBERS OF NRC FROM BEGINNING AND BAAH WAS, AT TIME, SECOND
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IN COMMAND OF FIRST BRIGADE UNDER ACHEAMPONG. (BEAUSOLEIL ALSO

MEMBER FIRST NRC, BUT WAS PRESUMABLY CO-OPTED AND NOT PART OF COUP PLANNING GROUP.)

3. IN APPARENTLY IDENTICAL LETTERS THE THREE STATED THAT THEY WERE UNABLE TO ACCEPT SUBORDINATION OF NRC TO NEW SMC AND REQUESTED RELIEF FROM OFFICE.

4. ADDITION OF 61 YEAR OLD GARDINER SHOULD BE PLUS TO NEW GOVERNMENT. HE HAS HAD DISTINGUISHED CAREER AS GHANAIAN CIVIL SERVANT AND UN AND ECA OFFICIAL. HE HAS THE TALEN AND EXPERIENCE REQUESTED FOR HIS NEW ROLE; IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER HE CAN INJECT MOVEMENT IN HITHERTO LETHARGIC BUREACRACY.

5. WE ARE CLEARLY STILL IN A STATE OF FLUX IN GHANA. WHETHER POSITION OF ACHEAMPONG HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED OR WEAKENED IS SUBJECT OF DEBATE. HOEPFULLY SITUATION WILL BE SOMEWHAT CLEARER SOON AND NEW CAST CAN SETTLE DOWN TO TACKLE SERIOUS ISSUES.

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